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NEW ISSUE NEWS



FIG.1: \$1.00 OVERPRINT ON \$2.50 STAMP OF THE 1990 BIRD DEFINITIVE

The third issue for 2013 was the \$1.00 overprint on the \$2.50 denomination of the 1990 Bird definitive. This issue has been found with two watermarks as stocks from the 1990 printing and 1998 reprint were used. The 1990 printing of the \$2.50 stamp (SG # 794 / Sc # 516) had the Multiple Crown Script CA Diagonal watermark while the 1998 reprint (SG # 843 / SC # 516A) had the Multiple Crown CA Diagonal watermark.

The overprint was done by Benji Quick Quality Printing Service & Stationeries. The issue was placed on sale unannounced. TTPost informed us that the stamps were returned from the printer on 21st November 2013. Distribution to the outlets from the National Mail Centre storeroom began from the 3rd December 2013. To date, there was only one print run. The quantity overprinted was 725,000. No FDC's were prepared.

We have found a few flaws in the printing of the Caricom 40th Anniversary issue. The printing plates could have been made with the flaws or they could have resulted from damage to the printing plate caused by, for example, a paper jam.

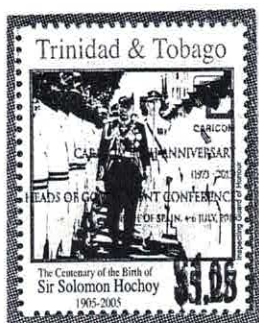
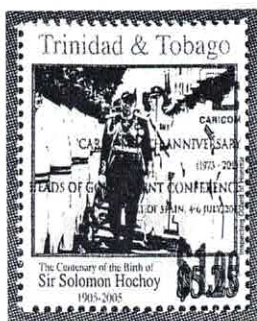


Fig.2a & Fig.2b: Last zero partial

Fig.3: \$1.00 Numerals damaged

On the Sir Solomon Hochoy overprint, Row 2/Column 2, the last zero of the \$1.00 has a part missing on the lower right (see Fig.2a). Also on Row 4/4 the last zero on \$1.00 has a part missing on the upper right (see Fig.2b).

On the Surf and Sand overprint, Row 3/2, the numeral one and first zero of the \$1.00 appear to be damaged at the top and the second zero has a large damaged area also at the top (see Fig.3). If any member finds more flaws, please report it to the Editor.

Stanley Gibbons catalog listed the \$2.50 Bird Definitive (SG # 843) with a 75c overprint done in 2001 and it was given the catalog # 894a. TTPost is unaware of this stamp. To date, none of our members have reported seeing this stamp. If anyone has seen this stamp, please inform the Editor.

The two aerogrammes issued in 2011 (see Bulletin #254) are now available also in a pack of ten or twenty. The aerogrammes were not reprinted, only the packaging is new. The aerogrammes are sold at \$2 each or if you wish for the convenience of a pack, the pack of ten is sold at \$25 and the pack of 20 at \$45. The packs contained an information page explaining briefly 'What is an Aerogramme?' and listed the photographers. The Foreign Affairs Section of the USA embassy held a photographic exhibition among some schools. TTPost saw the winning photographs and decided to use some on the two aerogrammes. Brendan Detzin, a sixth Form student, photographed Englishman's Bay (Tobago), Poui flowers and the water lily. Renee C. Toyer, a sixth Form student, photographed Paria Falls. Scott Mc Donald, a fourth Form student, photographed the butterfly on the leaf.

To date, a few new issues are under consideration such as, an issue to commemorate the centenary of the start of World War One. However, all proposed issues are at an early stage in the process and no decisions have been made. In July, a new printing of the \$1 overprint on the \$2.50 Bird definitive is expected to be placed on sale. The artwork of the new printing will be different to the previous overprint.

REPORT ON THE A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 12th February at St. Mary's College, Port of Spain. Present were eleven members. The returning officer was Mr. Dirk Cabral. The results of the election of officers are: President - Mr. John Chay; Vice-Presidents - Mr. Jazad Ali and Mr. Albert Sydney; Hon. Secretary - Mr. Robert Franco; Treasurer - vacant; the four Committee Members - Mr. Alan Ache, Mr. Frank Ferreira, Mr Roger Ramoutar and Mr. Selwyn Gomes; Librarian - Mr. Dirk Cabral; Hon. Auditor - Mr. G. Sancho. Mr. Albert Sydney will act as Treasurer until the post is filled.

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Please remember that our monthly meetings at St. Mary's College start at 6pm on the second Wednesday of every month. At our meetings, we have world-wide stamps to give away - free!

KARL THEYER TRINIDAD PICTURE POSTCARDS

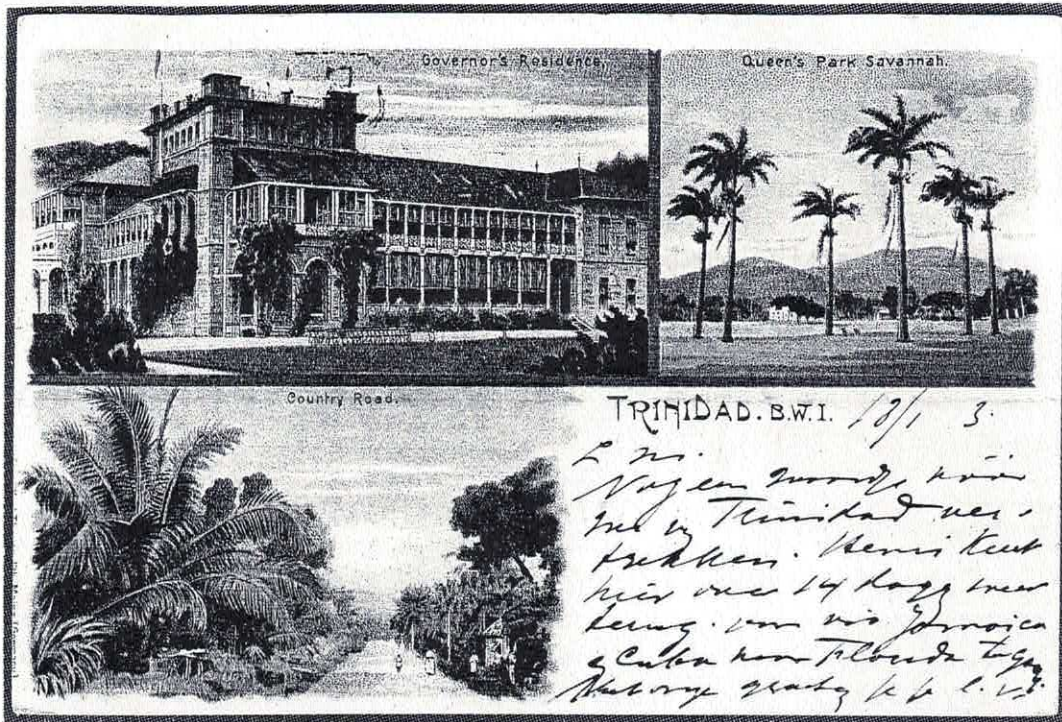


Fig.1: PPC Scenes: Upper left - Governor's Residence, Right - Queen's Park Savannah, Lower Left - Country Road



Fig.2: PPC Scenes: Upper left - Queen's Park Hotel, Right - View in front of Hotel, Lower left - Breakfast Gallery

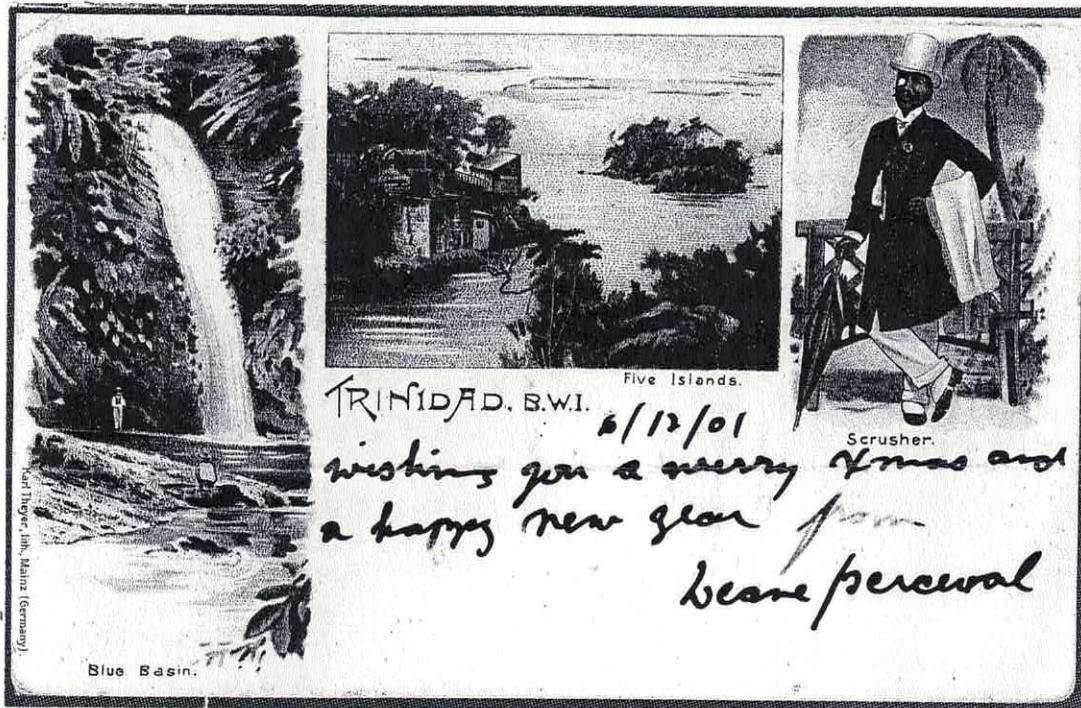


Fig.3: PPC Scenes: Left - Blue Basin, Middle - Five Islands, Right - Scrusher

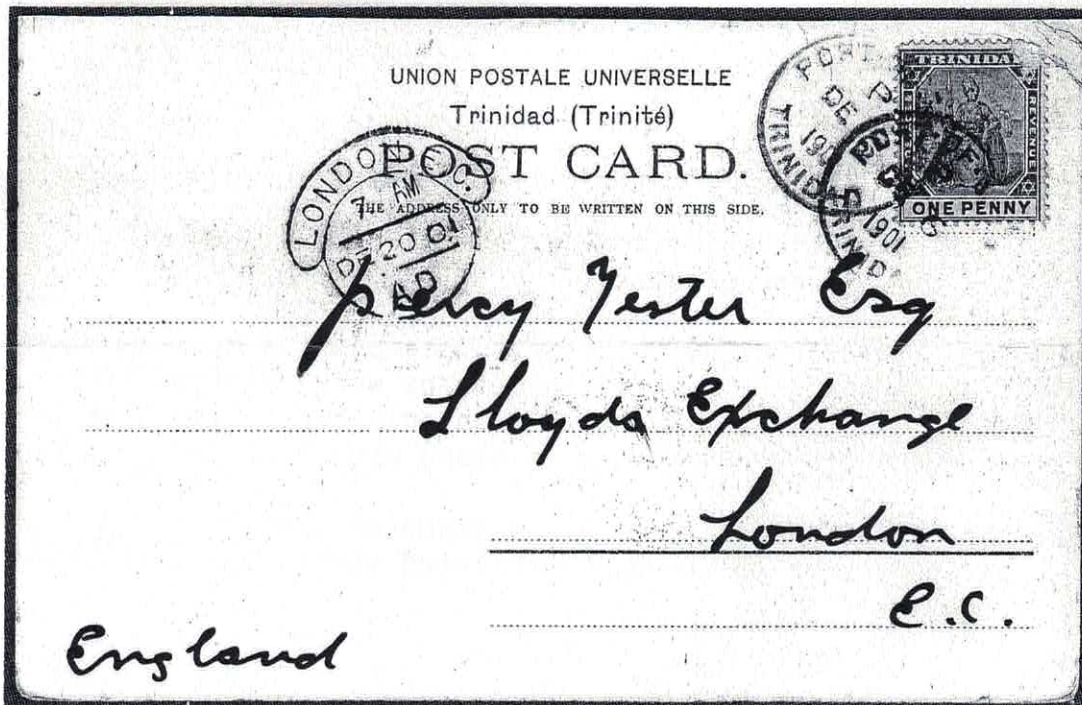


Fig.4: Reverse of PPC above

Karl Theyer, lithographers, of Mainz, Germany, produced some of the finest picture postcards (PPC) available at the turn of the last century. From photographs of the scenes, drawings were done to separate the colours for the printing process. The cards produced were colourful and beautifully printed. Almost all of the PPC's printed at that time were printed in one ink colour, usually black or sepia.

The PPC of Fig.1 illustrated the Governor's Residence, the Palms of the Queen's Park Savannah and a Country Road. The PPC was mailed to Holland with a message in front dated 18th January 1903. Only the address was allowed on the back of PPCs at this time and postage was paid with a one penny stamp which was cancelled with a POS cds.

The PPC of Fig.2 illustrated scenes related to the Queen's Park Hotel. The message is dated March 4th (1908) and reads: 'Got here today very hot. Will write when we get to Colon (Panama) - Quarantine very strict here - we were able to land for a few hours not many people (went ashore ?) All because of the fevers. Love Loetie". The PPC was franked with a one penny stamp cancelled with a GPO Port of Spain date-stamp.

The PPC of Fig.3 illustrated two scenic views of Trinidad and a character named 'Scrusher'. 'Scrusher' was an impeccably dressed gentleman complete with a monocle, in modern parlance, a 'saga-boy'. The PPC was franked with a one penny stamp cancelled with a Port of Spain date-stamp ' Dec 6 1901 '.

2013 PHILATELIC CALENDAR SUMMARY

- 1) 4th July. CARICOM 40th Anniversary overprint - four stamps all of \$1 denomination. FDC's were produced.
- 2) 4th December. World Food Day 2013. Seven stamps \$1 X 2, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.25 and \$50. Five of the stamps were only available in the Souvenir Sheet. FDC's were produced with only two of the stamps. Six stamps had seeds attached and one \$1 stamp was seedless.
- 3) 3rd December. \$1.00 overprint on \$2.50 stamp of 1990 Bird Definitive. No FDC's were produced. Overprinted stamps exist with two watermarks varieties.